

2. (Previously Presented) The process ~~A-process~~ according to claim 1, wherein the temperature of step i) is between 10°C to 30°C, ~~preferably between 15°C to 30°C.~~

3. (Previously Presented) The process ~~A-process~~ according to claim 1, wherein the water-miscible organic solvent is selected from the group consisting of acetone, tetrahydrofuran, acetonitrile, methanol and ethanol.

4. (Previously Presented) The process ~~A-process~~ according to claim 1, wherein the organic amines ~~are~~ amine is selected from the group consisting of triethyl amine, diethylamine, cyclohexylamine, tertiary butyl amine and benzyl amine.

5. (Previously Presented) The process ~~A-process~~ according to claim 4, wherein the organic base amine is employed in molar proportions of 1.0 to 3.0 moles per mole of ceftiofur (Ia). ~~preferably in molar proportions of 1.2 to 1.5 moles per mole of ceftiofur (Ia).~~

6. (Previously Presented) The process ~~A-process~~ according to claim 1, wherein the sodium metal carrier is selected from the group consisting of sodium hydroxide, sodium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, sodium ethoxide, sodium acetate, sodium propionate, ~~sodium 2-ethyl hexanoate~~ sodium 2-ethyl hexanoate, and sodium 2-ethylcaproate.

7. (Currently amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the ceftiofur sodium is 87% stable for 90 days at 40°C +2°C.

9. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the temperature of step i) is between 15°C to 30°C.

10. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 4, wherein the organic amine is employed in molar proportions of 1.2 to 1.5 moles per mole of ceftiofur (Ia).